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The Honorable Duncan Hunter Chairman, Committee on Armed Services U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Under the authority contained in 10 USC 2805, the Navy plans to provide Unspecified Minor MILCON funding for Modifications to Building 2945 for Aviation Maintenance Officers School, Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Florida, as described in the enclosure, subject to expiration of the Congressional notification period.

An identical letter has been sent to the Senate Armed Services and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

Sincerely,

Wayne Arny

Deputy Assistant Secretary (Installations & Factities)

Enclosure

Copy to:

The Honorable Ike Skelton

Notification of the Intention to Proceed with MILCON Projects

The Department of the Navy proposes to authorize the obligation of funds for the following Unspecified Minor MILCON project:

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<u>State/Installation</u> (\$000) <u>Requirement and Description</u>

Florida Naval Air Station Whiting Field (P-244) 1,360 Modifications to Building 2945 for Aviation Maintenance Officers School. Naval Air Station, Whiting Field has an urgent requirement for Modifications to Building 2945 for an Aviation Maintenance Officers (AMO) School due to additional student throughput, redevelopment in course curriculums, and lack of training space. A former Bachelor Enlisted Ouarters will be converted into the training spaces. Training spaces are required for the Prospective Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department Officer and Advance Aviation Maintenance Management courses. This will consolidate the AMO School and accommodate the increased student throughput. Without this project, course instruction will continue to be severely impacted due to nonadjacency of classrooms, administrative spaces, and training mock-ups. The existing spaces are not conducive to learning.